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SUBJ: FOUR-COUNTRY SUMMIT ON REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND USE OF
LOME PORT

1. FOUR-COUNTRY SUMMIT OF PRESIDENTS EYADEMA (TOGO), LAMIZANA (UPPER VOLTA), KOUNTCHE (NIGER) AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION DEMBELE REPRESENTING PRES. TRAORE (MALI) MET IN LOME FEBRUARY 19 TO DISCUSS HOW TO BEST CONNECT THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE THREE INLAND STATES WITH THE MODERN PORT FACILITIES OF LOME. (LOME'S DEEPWATER PORT FACILITIES HAVE AN OFFICIAL IMPORT CAPACITY OF 5 MILLION TONS A YEAR. THIS YEAR PORT HANDLED 6.5 MILLION TONS.)

2. SETTING THE TONE FOR MEETING, UPPER VOLTAN MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION AND URBANISM INAUGURATED THAT COUNTRY'S NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WAREHOUSE IN THE PORT'S FREE ZONE FEBRUARY 18. THE WAREHOUSE WAS BUILT ON ONE HECTARE OF LAND PURCHASED FROM THE GOT AT THE SYMBOLIC PRICE OF ONE FRANC. GERMAN RECONSTRUCTION BANK LOANED 1.7 MILLION DM FOR CONSTRUCTION. WAREHOUSE, FIRST OF WHAT GOT HOPES WILL BE SEVERAL BUILT BY INLAND STATES, SIGNALS THE APPARENT COMMITMENT OF UPPER VOLTA TO INCREASE ITS USAGE OF THE PORT OF LOME.

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3. IN FIVE-HOUR MEETING, THE CHIEFS OF STATE REVIEWED PROGRESS SINCE LAST SUMMIT OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1975, AND DISCUSSED EXISTING FOUR-NATION TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE CHIEFS OF STATE REAFFIRMED THE URGENT NEED TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND IN REGION, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INLAND COUNTRIES OBTAINING SEVERAL ROUTES OF ACCESS TO THE

SEA. THEY ANNOUNCED A MINIMUM INVESTMENT PROGRAM OF 25.7 BILLION CFA (\$104 MILLION), WHICH PRES. EYADEMA, AS APPOINTED CO-ORDINATOR, IS CHARGED WITH RAISING FROM INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

4. LEADERS ALSO SET UP TWO COMMISSIONS. FIRST CHARGED WITH PREPARING AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL REPORT ON MINERAL DEPOSITS IN FOUR STATES WITHIN ONE YEAR. SECOND COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO STUDY AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO COORDINATE RAILROAD SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION. THE REPORTS OF BOTH COMMISSIONS WILL BE USED BY THE STATES WHEN THEY SEEK FINANCING FOR PROJECTS. LIPATAKO-GOURMA, A TRIPARTITE REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION OF UPPER VOLTA, NIGER AND MALI WAS DIRECTED TO ASSIST THE TWO COMMISSIONS. LASTLY, SUMMIT RECOMMENDED THAT THE INLAND STATES ACCELERATE THE CONSTRUCTIO OF ROADS TO THE PORT OF LOME.

5. COMMENT: FOR THE GOT THE FOUR COUNTRY SUMMIT WAS A SUCCESS. UPPER VOLTA, NIGER AND MALI PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO DEVELOP BETTER TRANSPORTATION LINKS TO TOGO AND TO INCREASE THEIR USE OF PORT OF LOME. PRES. EYADEMA'S PRESTIGE ALSO ENHANCED BY HIS APPOINTMENT AS COORDINATOR OF JOINT EFFORT TO SEEK FINANCING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.PALMER

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